



GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.
Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT:

R. Anderson	Councillor/Chair
D. Foster	Deputy Mayor
S. Wells	Councillor
C. Patterson	Mayor
G. Vadeboncoeur	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Nicholson	Clerk
P. Archdekin	Deputy Clerk
D. Vincent	Sr. MLEO
M. Quinlan	Treasurer
J. Legget	EDCCO

ABSENT:

G. Watson	Councillor
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Deputy Mayor Foster declared a Pecuniary Interest with respect to Item 5a) Treasurer - 2013 Annual Investment Report as it relates to an alternate department of my employer.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Mr. Ron Ego - request for a reduction to the Business Licencing fee for his Refreshment Cart – Allenwood Beach

Councillor Anderson welcomed Mr. Ego to the table. Mr. Ego spoke to the background of his cart business noting about 6-7 years ago Ace Variety looked after most of the patrons in the area. The business closed about five years ago and since then the tourist and residents had to travel 3-4 km for a pop or ice cream. It was found that if people parked at the beach and left they would lose the parking spot to go get a snack. For the past five years, that being five years with the Ministry, he has been providing pop, water, snacks, and ice cream in a cart he travelled on the beach with. He would go up and down the beach until the Ministry stopped that a couple of years ago.

The Ministry decided not to allow golf driven carts on the beach and they would increase the licence fees from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00, which discourages anyone from having a business in the Park. For the first three years Mr. Ego had a wonderful time serving the people, picking up garbage, helping people, having fun with kids, providing directions and was providing more of a tourist customer service than a business. Out of his home he has operated an Internet Business for ten years and has a business licence for that operation. The current problem is that the Ministry will not allow him to put his cart on the road. The business operates for July and August and is strictly refreshments such as ice cream, drinks, chips, and water. He felt the Town's Business Licence of \$500.00 is too much when he currently has a home based business. Where he is located he is not taking business from any other business, as there are no other businesses in the vicinity of this type.

Councillor Wells inquired of permitted uses to an existing business to which Mr. Vincent responded what has been permitted in the past, home based businesses, grandfathered situations and the issues of zoning that might affect a business licence.

It was noted that the Provincial Park is undergoing a Park Management Study and it was hoped that they would address the beachfront and uses on it, Town owned lands that are under Park Regulations and deregulating of same.

Mayor Patterson noted that Mr. Ego has been through a lot of changes and appreciates that he still continues to want to run the business.

Mr. Ego noted the first four lots on Eastdale drive are all zoned commercial and they did a Quit Claim deed to have their properties come out to the road. The deeds were done after the services were in and the fire hydrants are all over the place. If the Park boundaries get straightened out it will help everyone going forward.

Mayor Patterson requested that staff look into the Zoning issue and get it straightened out once and for all.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the property along with several acres of beachfront was purchased from a long standing owner. This property and the beach road are technically owned by the municipality. Where the overlay exists, is that the Regulated Park Boundary is on top of that. Under the *Provincial Parks Act* any land there is regulated and controlled by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Half of Mr. Ego's property is regulated by the MNR. Mr. Vincent made an arrangement with Mr. Fisher to say the cart would not be on the road and beach, but because Mr. Ego owns the property there was an agreement that he could put his cart on the corner of his property, even though it is regulated by the Ministry. The cart is put in a static location adjacent to Eastdale.

Deputy Mayor Foster noted that he understands the main beachfront business issues, but felt in this case and other areas where there are no businesses of the same type, an accommodation could be made. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-01

RESOLVED THAT General Government Committee does hereby recommend that Echostone be granted a refund of \$370.00 for its 2013 Business License;

FURTHER THAT staff be requested to review the Business License provisions as it pertains to an owner operated refreshment carts that are operated on the owner's property for consideration by Committee before the start of the 2014 summer season.

CARRIED

Mr. Ego inquired if he could apply for his business licence for the cart, to which he was advised he could.

Councillor Wells hopes the Park Master Plan will deregulate the lands and hand over to the Town.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Sign By-Law (reviewed) – March 12, 2009
- b) Business Licensing – Schedule 'A20a' (broaden mixed uses) – 15 April 2009

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Municipal Law Enforcement

- a) **Monthly Report – February 2014**

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the February 2014 Municipal Law Enforcement Department's Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Animal Control – New Two Year Services Contract

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it accept the bid for Animal Control Services from Mr. Everett Pilkey, and further that it approve entering into a new two-year contract for the services to be provided; and,

FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.

CARRIED

c) Lot Designation & Fees: Municipal Picnic Area (M.P.A.) Beach Area 2

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired if as a municipal lot is it exempt from the standard parking pass. Mr. Vincent Doug advised that this will be a \$20.00 a day lot and the parking lots are \$15.00 a day. This municipal lot would not be eligible for Residential Parking Pass use.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that staff did have discussions if this lot would be covered under the Resident Parking Pass and the recommendation is that it not be included as this lot offers more amenities than a parking lot; therefore, being called a Municipal Picnic Area. There will be tables and a more picnic like area and that is why they stayed away from calling it a parking lot. Residents can use the nearby municipal parking lots at 3rd and 4th Street.

Deputy Mayor Foster had challenges with the fees last time it was presented and his position hasn't changed. He felt it should be one pass for all municipal parking lots.

Councillor Wells was not opposed to the fees but inquired of the designated accessible parking lot area. Mr. Vincent noted the use of the property has not changed and intends to plan for six (6) accessible parking spots. The land is mostly sand and there are no plans to change it.

Deputy Mayor Foster inquired about the mobi mats. It was noted that people can park on 3rd or 4th Street lots where the mobi mat is close by and additional parking is being provided on Beach Drive, very close to the mobi mats to make them more accessible.

Councillor Wells believes that accessible spaces need to be provided in the new Picnic Area Lot. Mr. Vincent advised that there will be accessible parking of up to six spots. If the lot is reconfigured, some type of hard surfacing will be required in the lot to provide accessible spots.

Mayor Patterson suggested that as we are the Town we should be setting an example and put hard surface down for the accessible parking spots.

The Chief Administrative Officer inquired if that can be left with staff to implement accessible parking in that lot.

Councillor Anderson expressed his disappointment in the Report as he was hoping to see something for RV's so people can stay overnight. He felt a nice RV Park would draw more people to the area. He also would not want to see anymore payment that already exists. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER

SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-04

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that the Parking By-Law No. 2005-17 be amended to designate a new parking lot area at Beach Area 2, as the Municipal Picnic Area Lot (aka M.P.A.); and,

FURTHER THAT the Fees and Charges By-Law No. 2013-107 be amended to prescribe an all-day flat rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00)/standard passenger vehicle, for this lot.

CARRIED

d) Municipal Law Enforcement Accounts – February 2014 – no comments

Economic Development and Communications

a) Monthly Report – February 2014

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-05

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the February 2014 Economic Development and Corporate Communication Officer's Report, for information.

CARRIED

b) Economic Development & Communications Accounts – February 2014 - no comments

Administration**a) Treasurer - 2013 Annual Investment Report**

Deputy Mayor's Pecuniary Interest was noted and he withdrew from the table. It was then;

MOVED BY S. WELLS

SECONDED BY C. PATTERSON

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-06

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the 2013 Investment Report, for information.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Foster returned to his place at the table.

b) Treasurer – Annual Repayment Limit

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON

SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-07

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it receive the Treasurer's Report on the Annual Repayment Limit, for information.

CARRIED

c) Treasurer – 2014 Municipal Grant Requests

Councillor Wells questioned the recommendation that the Georgian Food Box \$1,500 to be granted seed money being a one-time event. The Treasurer provided a response that the funds are to help them get started and they are not like other organizations. They are non-profit but anyone can purchase a Good Food Box. They need help to get started and unless a capital request is received this was considered a one-time request. It was noted that a request could be made next year.

Councillor Wells inquired of the Cat Rescue request. The Treasurer advised that they did not attend on the scheduled day before Committee and some funds were held back in case they do come forward.

Mayor Patterson noted the Food Bank requested \$24,000 and we will be giving \$5,000. He noted that at the last Ministerial meeting there was discussion on the heavy load on the food bank with people being sent to the Town.

Mayor Patterson indicated he inquired of the County Social Services if they actually direct people to move to Wasaga Beach for lower rents and a Food Bank and is awaiting a Report. If it is the case, he will be requesting funding from the County for the Food Bank.

Councillor Anderson suggested that Food Bank is in more of a need than some of the others on the list. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-08

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve a grant to the following organizations in the amount specified:

- Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank - \$5,000, with an additional amount of \$5,000 held in reserve if it is determined the Food Bank is in need later in the year
- Wasaga Beach Community Theatre Group - \$5,000
- Stayner Curling Club - \$5,000, subject to the receipt of a 5 year Capital Plan to be submitted to the municipality as part of any future requests
- Georgian Good Food Box - \$1,500 as seed money to assist them in establishing a presence in Wasaga Beach
- Wasaga Artists Group - \$1,000 as a final year of funding regular operations and that future grant requests be submitted on the basis of specific projects
- Wasaga Beach Scouts Group - \$500.00 for the purchase of new tents

CARRIED

d) Treasurer - 2014 Charitable Donations from Wasaga Resources Inc.

Councillor Anderson suggested that the Hospital would like to receive more than \$8,500.00. Mayor Patterson noted that the Hospital has not made their annual request to date. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-09

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it approve the budgeted charitable donations in the amount of \$30,400 to be submitted to the Board of Wasaga Resources Inc., for consideration.

CARRIED

e) Clerk – Historical Advisory Committee Minutes – November 24, 2014

Deputy Mayor Foster questioned a discussion at the Historical Advisory Committee with respect to creating a new flag. The Clerk advised that there was a discussion at Committee regarding updating the existing Town flag; however, it was only for consideration and is no longer a project on the table. The Historical Committee was suggesting ways to get involved with projects and promote Wasaga Beach, such as the Town's 40th Birthday celebrations, Wasaga Under Siege and GIS has asked for historical name suggestions for street naming. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-10

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the Historical Advisory Committee Minutes as circulated, for information.

CARRIED

f) Clerk – Notice Policy

A short discussion ensued with respect to newspaper circulation and the Town's practice to advertise in the local paper, on the Town's web page and by any other means felt necessary. It was then;

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-11

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby recommend to Council that it adopt the updated Notice Policy.

CARRIED

g) Clerk – Fourth Quarter Report - 2013

Councillor Wells questioned an expenditure regarding other Administrative benefits to which the Treasurer responded. It was then;

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-12

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby receive the 2013 Clerk's Department (Election, Records Management, Land, Cemetery, Accessibility and Historical Advisory Committees, By-Law, Parking and Animal Control) Fourth Quarter Financial Report, for information.

CARRIED

h) Clerk – Conference Attendance - AMCTO Annual Meeting

MOVED BY C. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-13

RESOLVED THAT the General Government Committee does hereby approve the Clerk's attendance at the AMCTO Annual Meeting & Professional Development Institute at Niagara Falls, June 8 – 11, 2014 at a cost of \$791.00, plus expenses.

CARRIED

i) CAO – Workshop Attendance – OMMA Spring Workshop

MOVED BY D. FOSTER
SECONDED BY S. WELLS

RESOLUTION NO.2014-03-14

RESOLVED THAT General Government Committee does hereby approve the CAO's attendance at the 2014 OMMA Spring Workshop in Orillia, April 23 – 25, 2014 at a cost of \$505.00, plus expenses.

CARRIED

j) Council and Administration Accounts – February 1-28, 2014

MOVED BY S. WELLS
SECONDED BY D. FOSTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-15

RESOLVED THAT the February 2014 Accounts as reviewed by General Government Committee, are hereby confirmed.

CARRIED

6. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS - None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 17, 2014

8. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.